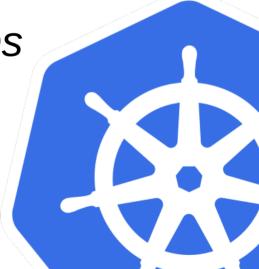
Kubernetes in Action

Foundations and Practice Labs



Agenda

- Introduction Round
- Intro to Kubernetes
- Kubernetes Cluster and Management
- Basic Kubernetes Objects
- Security
- Storage
- Networking
- Other Tools and Principles



Resources

GitHub Repository



Google Chat Space



Feedback Form







1. Intro to Kubernetes

Containers - benefits, differences with Docker and VMs;

Container orchestration – why we need it? Kubernetes history, FAQs, and implementations.

Containers

- Lightweight packages of application code
- Contain:
 - Dependencies
 - Language runtime(s)
 - Libraries



Benefits of Containers

- Separation of Responsibility
- Workload Portability
- Application Isolation



Containers and Docker

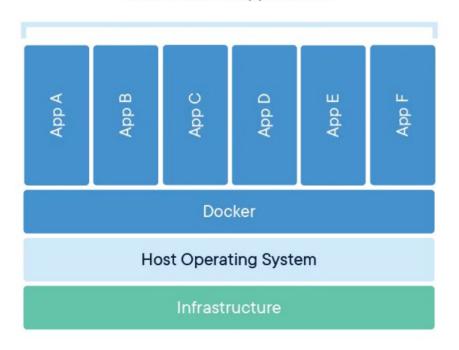
- Used synonymously, but not the same!
- Docker == container (runtime) technology
- Other technologies
 - Docker Enterprise (Docker + features + enterprise support)
 - containerd (industry standard container runtime)
 - CRI-O (lightweight and open-source)
 - LXC/LXD, BSD Jails... (container technologies for OS containers)

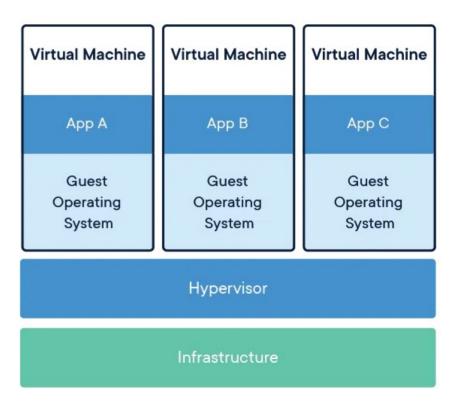
Containers vs VMs

- Containers more lightweight than Vms
- Containers virtualize at the OS level
- VMs virtualize at the hardware level
- Containers share the OS kernel and use a fraction of the memory VMs require

Containers vs VMs

Containerized Applications





Why Container Orchestration?

- Managing complexity of running containers at scale
- Automated Management
- Efficiency
- Scalability
- Consistency and Efficiency
- Security
- Declarative Configuration



Kuberentes - Brief History

- Why K8s?
- 2003-2004 Google introduced Borg
- 2013 Google releases Omega
- Mid 2014 Google releases Kubernetes (open source version of Borg)
- July 21, 2015 Kubernetes v1.0 is released

FAQs about K8s

- What is Kubernetes?
- What does Kubernetes do?
- What does a Kubernetes deployment look like?
- How is the Kubernetes-based container service managed?

The role of CNCF

- Cloud Native Computing Foundation
- Significant role in development and growth of K8s
 - Governance
 - Fostering community interaction
 - Driving technical vision
 - Foreseeing future growth and expansion of K8s

CNCF Landscape

Link to Map



K8s implementations

- Single node implementations (used for test, dev, IoT)
 - minikube, kind, k3s, k3d, microk8s
- Manual cluster installation
 - kubeadm
 - Kubernetes the Hard Way



K8s implementations

- Automated installations
 - Rancher Kubernetes Engine (RKE), Kubespray,
 Kubernetes Operations (kops), spinnaker.io, EKS
 Anywhere...
- Managed installations
 - Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE), Azure Kubernetes
 Service (AKS), AWS Elastic Kubernetes Service (EKS)...

2. K8s Cluster and Management

Architecture, components, interacting with the cluster

K8s Architecture

- Control Plane
 - Global decisions about the cluster
 - Detect and respond to cluster events
 - Consists of various components
- Worker Node
 - Where actual work runs
 - Running pods
 - Provide K8s runtime environment
 - Consists of various components



Control Plane Components

- Can run on any node of the cluster
- API Server
- etcd
- Scheduler
- Controller Manager
- Cloud Controller Manager



API Server

- Exposes the K8s API
- Front end of the K8s Control Plane
- Main implementation kube-apiserver
 - Able to scale horizontally
- Validates and configures data for the API objects
- Services REST operations
- All other components interact through API Server

etcd

- Consistent and highly available key value store
- All cluster data located here
- Database for the cluster
- Needs to have a backup plan
- Interaction through etcdctl



Scheduler

- Responsible for selecting a node for all pods
 - Which pod goes to which node
- Factors taken into account
 - Individual or collective resource requirements
 - Hardware/software/policy constraints
 - Affinity and anti-affinity specs
 - Data locality
 - Inter-workload interference
 - Deadlines



Controller Manager

- Runs controller processes
- Logically each controller == single process
- Compiled into a single binary
- Many different types of controllers
 - Node controller
 - Job controller
 - EndpointSlice controller
 - ServiceAccount controller



Cloud Controller Manager

- Embeds cloud-specific control logic
- Links cluster into cloud provider's API
- Only present if running on Cloud or using managed cluster
- Some of them include:
 - Node controller
 - Route controller
 - Service controller

Node Components

- Run on every node of the cluster
- kubelet
- kube-proxy
- Container runtime



kubelet

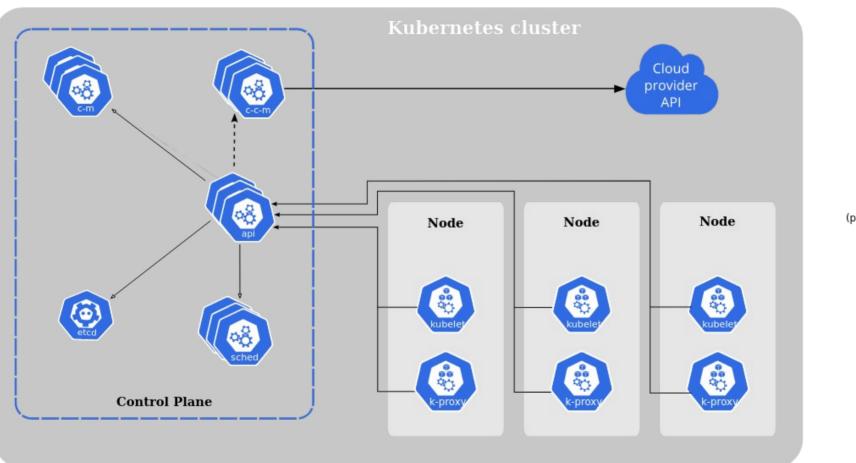
- Agent running on each node in the cluster
- Makes sure containers are running in a Pod
 - All pods are running according to their specification
- Communicates with the API server
- Doesn't manage containers outside of the cluster

kube-proxy

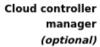
- Runs on each node of the cluster
- Implements part of the K8s Service concept
- Maintains network rules on nodes
- Uses packet filtering layer if present on the OS
- Otherwise forwards the traffic itself

Container runtime

- Fundamental component
- Manages:
 - Execution
 - Life cycle of containers in K8s environment
- Runtime needs to support Kubernetes Container Runtime Interface
 - containerd
 - CRI-O









Controller manager



etcd (persistence store)



kubelet



kube-proxy



Scheduler



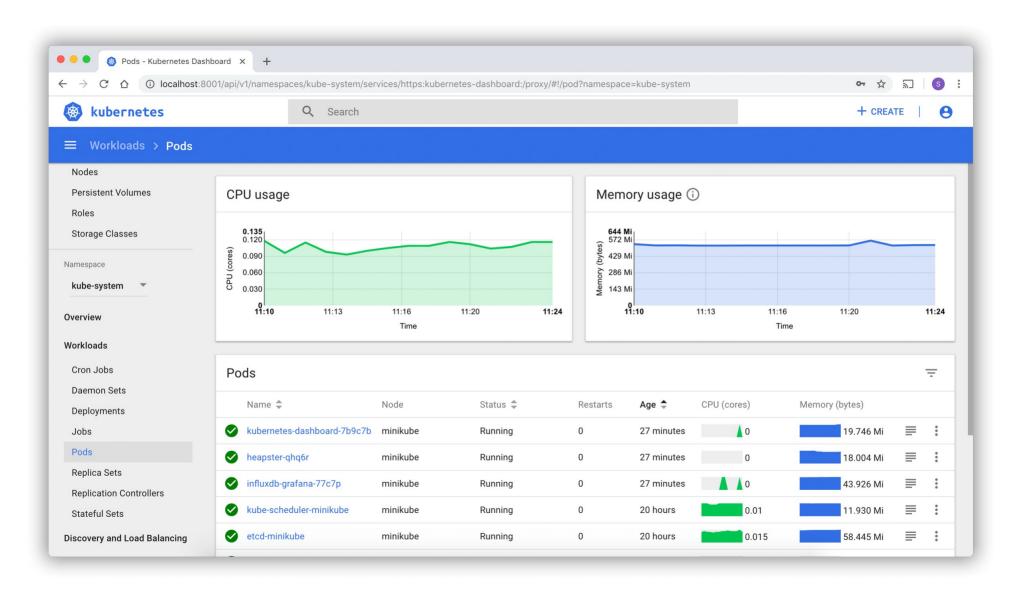
Control plane -----



K8s Addons

- Use K8s resources to implement cluster features
- DNS strictly required addon (core-dns)
- Web UI (Dashboard)
- Container Resource Monitoring
- Cluster-level Logging
- Network Plugins

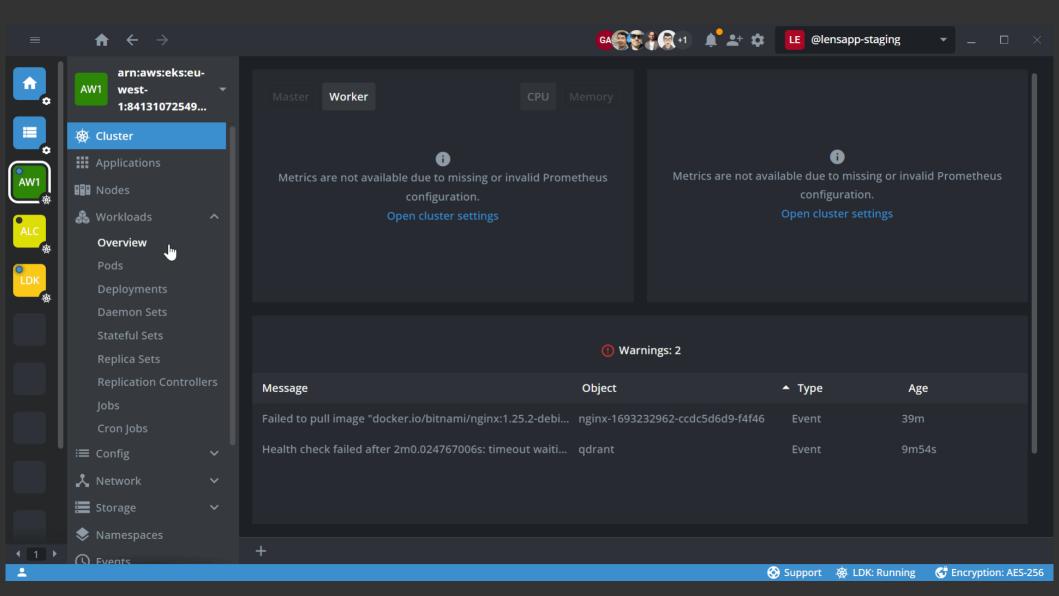


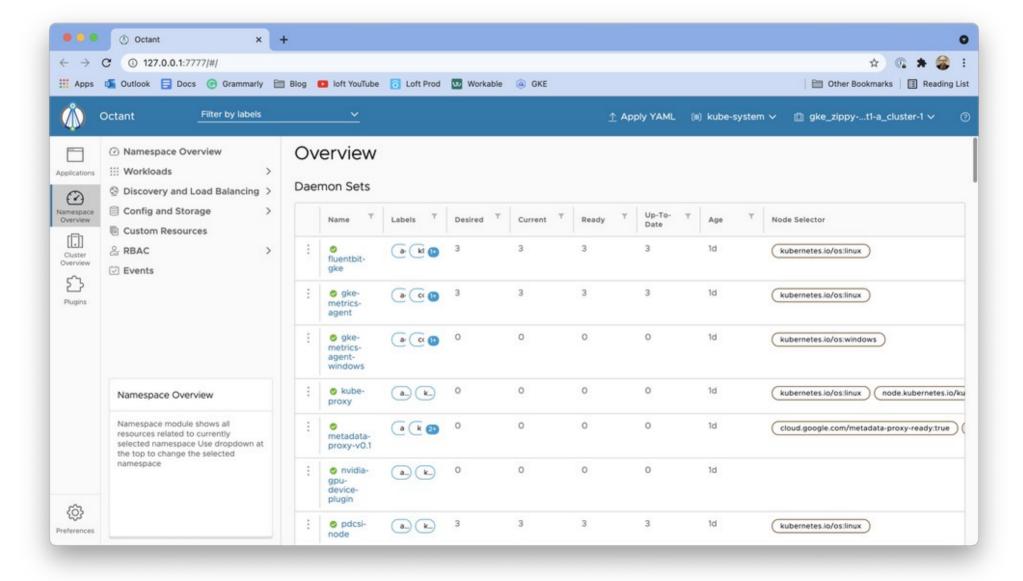


Ways to interact with cluster

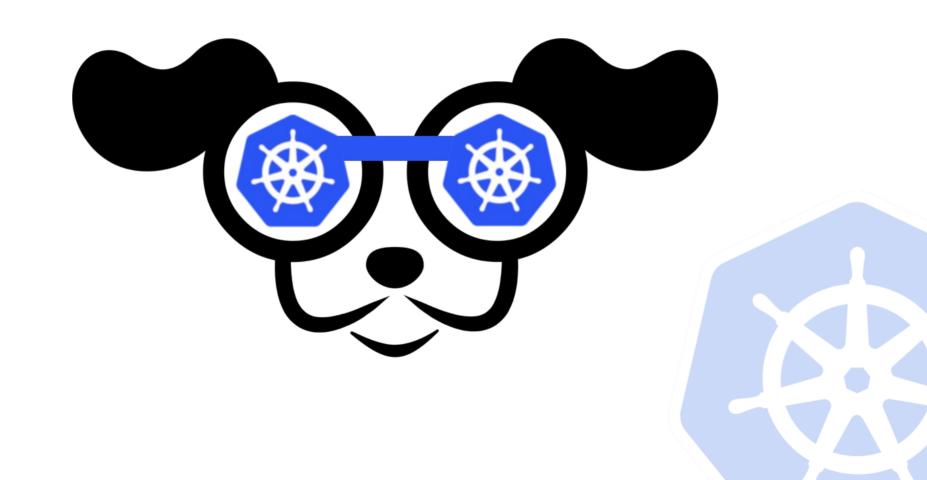
- Official kubectl
- Other (third-party)
 - k9s
 - Lens Desktop
 - Octant
 - VS Code Kubernetes plugin







k9s in action!



LAB 2.1 - kubectl

- Installation
- Command structure
- Connecting to the cluster



3. Basic Kubernetes Objects

Namespaces, Pods, Deployments, ConfigMaps, Secrets, Deamonsets, Jobs, and CronJobs

What are objects?

- Persistent entities in K8s system
- Present record of intent
 - Once created, K8s system will constantly work to ensure those object exists
- Interact with Kubernetes API, usually via kubectl
- Imperative

```
> kubectl run --image=nginx nginx
```

Declarative

```
> kubectl apply -f nginx.yaml
```



Describing a K8s object

- API Server requires JSON information
- Manifests usually provided in YAML
- kubectl does the conversion to JSON
- Required fields
 - apiVersion
 - kind
 - metadata (name, UID, and optional namespace)
 - spec (different for every Kubernetes object)

Example of a manifest

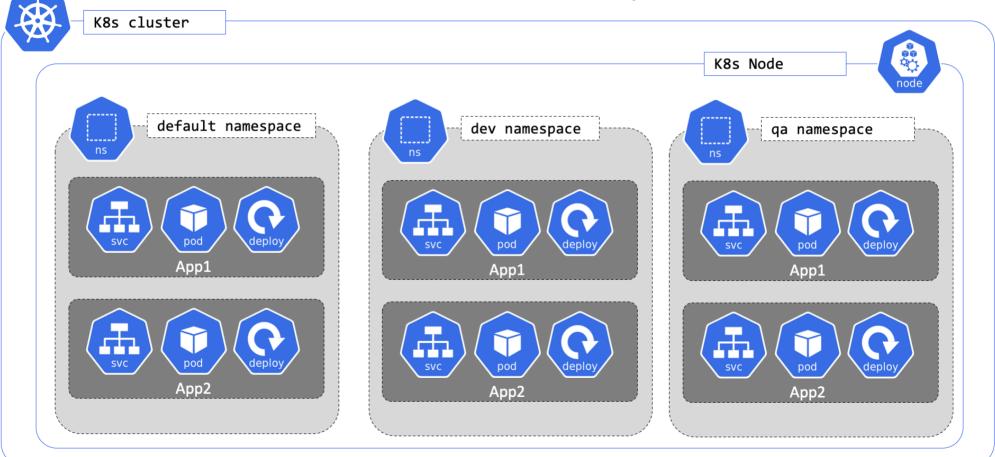
```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
   name: nginx
spec:
   containers:
   - name: nginx
   image: nginx:1.14.2
   ports:
   - containerPort: 80
```



Namespace

- Mechanism for isolating groups of resources within a single cluster
- Names of same resources needs to be unique within a namespace
- Names of namespaces needs to be unique

Kubernetes - Namespaces



Lab 3.1 – namespace

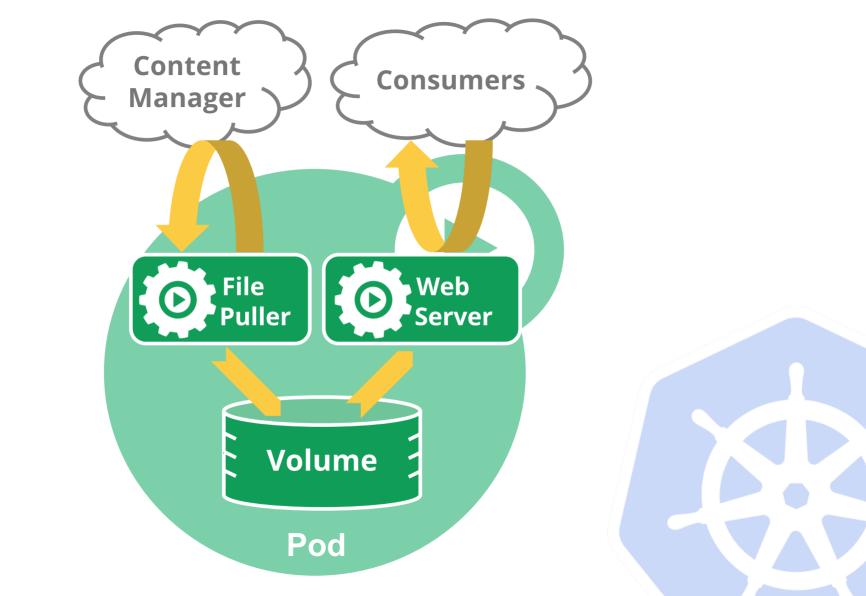
- List all namespaces
- Create a namespace imperatively
- Connect to the created namespace
- Create a namespace manifest
- Create a namespace from manifest

Pods

- Smallest deployable units of computing
- A group of one or more containers
- They share
 - Storage
 - Network resources
- Can contain one or more tightly coupled containers
- Designed as ephemeral, disposable entities

Pods

- Usually created through workload resources (Deployments or Jobs)
- Two main ways of usage
 - Pods running a single container (one-container-per-Pod)
 - Pods running multiple close connected containers (e.g. one container serves data to the public, the other refreshes or updates that data)
- One Pod == One instance of an application



Lab 3.2 – Pods

- List all pods in all namespaces
- Create a Pod imperatively
- Check Pod status
- Create a Pod manifest
- Create a Pod from manifest
- Enter a Pod
- Delete a Pod

Pod Scheduling

- Scheduling == assigning a Pod to a Node
- Usually left for kube-scheduler to decide
- Couple of use-cases for declarative scheduling
 - Certain Pods require SSD disks
 - Collocate certain Pods to the same Availability Zone

Ways to schedule Pods

- nodeSelector (simplest, using Node labels)
- Affinity and anti-affinity (allow more control over the logic of scheduling)
 - Node and inter-pod affinity and anti-affinity
- nodeName (more direct, overrules the previous 2)
- Pod topology spread constraints
 - Control how Pods are spread across cluster among failure-domains such as regions, zones, nodes, or among any other topology)

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: with-node-affinity
spec:
  affinity:
    nodeAffinity:
      requiredDuringSchedulingIgnoredDuringExecution:
        nodeSelectorTerms:
        - matchExpressions:
          - key: topology.kubernetes.io/zone
            operator: In
            values:
            - antarctica-east1
            - antarctica-west1
      preferredDuringSchedulingIgnoredDuringExecution:
      - weight: 1
        preference:
          matchExpressions:
          - key: another-node-label-key
            operator: In
            values:
            - another-node-label-value
  containers:
  - name: with-node-affinity
    image: registry.k8s.io/pause:2.0
```

Lab 3.3 – Pods scheduling with nodeSelector

- Add a label to a node
- Create a manifest for a Pod with a nodeSelector field
- Apply the created manifest
- See where the pod is running
- Delete created Pods and label

Taints and Tolerations

- Taints are the opposite of NodeAffinity
 - Allow the Nodes to reject certain Pods
- Tolerations allow the scheduler to schedule Pods to nodes with matching Taints
- Work hand in hand to ensure Pods are properly scheduled
- If node is marked with a taint only a Pod with toleration can run there
- Use cases:
 - Dedicated Nodes
 - Nodes with Special Hardware

```
# Tainting a node
kubectl taint nodes node1 example-key=example-value:NoSchedule
```

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: nginx
  labels:
    env: test
spec:
  containers:
  - name: nginx
    image: nginx
    imagePullPolicy: IfNotPresent
  tolerations:
  - key: "example-key"
    operator: "Exists"
    effect: "NoSchedule"
```



Deployments

- Workload objects
- Declarative way of managing Pods
- Using ReplicaSet underneath
 - Maintain a stable set of replica Pods at any given time
- Recommended way of deploying stateless applications

Why use Deployments and not Pods?

- Scaling
- Updates and Rollbacks
- Self-healing
- Load Balancing and Network Policies

Deployment Strategies and Rollback

- Strategies
 - Recreate (all existing Pods are killed before new ones are created)
 - RollingUpdate (default, Pods are updated in a rolling fashion)
- Rollback ability to fix errors or mistakes
 - Undo to previous revision
 - Rolling back to specified revision from history

Lab 3.4 - Deployments

- Create a Deployment from manifest
- Scale created deployment
- Demonstrate manual deletion of a replica
- Upgrade the existing deployment
- Rollback to the first revision

ConfigMaps

- An API object used to store non-confidential data in key-value pairs
- Pods can consume them as:
 - Environment variables
 - Command line arguments
 - Configuration files in a volume
- Used to separate configuration from the app

Secrets

- An object that contains a small amount of sensitive data
- Similar to ConfigMaps, but intended to hold confidential data
- Stored unencrypted in the etcd
 - Enable encryption at Rest,
 - enable or configure RBAC,
 - restrict Secret access to a specific containers,
 - consider using external Secret store providers

Lab 3.5 – ConfigMaps and Secrets

- Create a ConfigMap
- Map it to a running object as a configuration parameter
- Create a Secret
- Map it to a running object as a volume

DaemonSets

- Ensures that all (or some) Nodes run a copy of a Pod
- Typical use cases
 - Running a cluster storage daemon
 - Running a logs collection daemon
 - Running a node monitoring daemon



```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: DaemonSet
metadata:
  name: fluentd-elasticsearch
  namespace: kube-system
  labels:
    k8s-app: fluentd-logging
spec:
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      name: fluentd-elasticsearch
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        name: fluentd-elasticsearch
    spec:
      tolerations:
      # these tolerations are to have the daemonset runnable on control plane nodes
      # remove them if your control plane nodes should not run pods
      - key: node-role.kubernetes.io/control-plane
        operator: Exists
        effect: NoSchedule
      - key: node-role.kubernetes.io/master
        operator: Exists
        effect: NoSchedule
      containers:
      - name: fluentd-elasticsearch
        image: quay.io/fluentd_elasticsearch/fluentd:v2.5.2
        volumeMounts:
        - name: varlog
          mountPath: /var/log
      terminationGracePeriodSeconds: 30
      volumes:
      - name: varlog
        hostPath:
          path: /var/log
```

Jobs

- Creates one or more Pods
- Continues to retry execution until a specified number of them successfully terminate
- Use cases:
 - Run a Pod to its completion
 - Database configuration
 - Smoke tests



```
apiVersion: batch/v1
kind: Job
metadata:
  name: pi
spec:
  template:
    spec:
      containers:
      - name: pi
        image: perl:5.34.0
        command: ["perl", "-Mbignum=bpi", "-wle", "print bpi(2000)"]
      restartPolicy: Never
  backoffLimit: 4
```

CronJobs

- Creates a Job on a repeating schedule
- Meant to perform regular, scheduled actions
- Similar concept to a crontab in Unix systems
- Use cases:
 - Backups
 - Report generation

```
apiVersion: batch/v1
kind: CronJob
metadata:
  name: hello
spec:
  schedule: "* * * * *"
  jobTemplate:
    spec:
      template:
        spec:
          containers:
          - name: hello
            image: busybox:1.28
            imagePullPolicy: IfNotPresent
            command:
            - /bin/sh
            - -C
            - date; echo Hello from the Kubernetes cluster
          restartPolicy: OnFailure
```

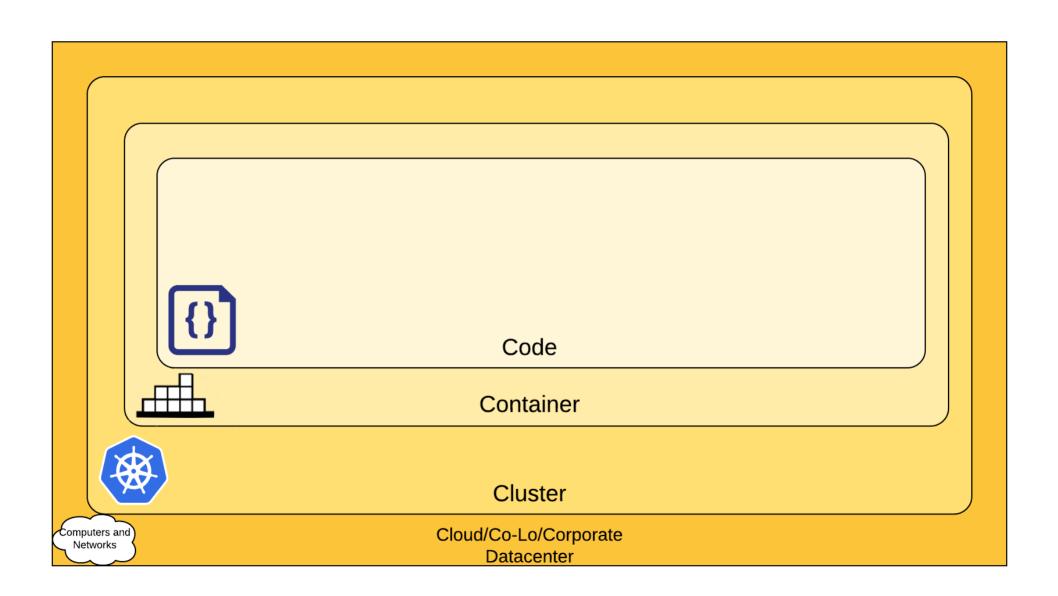
4. Security

Authentication, RBAC, ServiceAccount, SecurityContext

Cloud Native Security

- 4C's
 - Cloud
 - Cluster
 - Container
 - Code





Cluster Security

- Securing the components of the cluster
 - Controlling access to Kubernetes API
 - Controlling the capabilities
 - Protecting cluster components from compromise
- Securing the components in the cluster
 - RBAC Authorization, Authentication, Application secrets management, Pods alignment to Pod Security Standards, QoS, Network Policies, TLS for Kubernetes Ingress

Authentication

- Process verifying the ID of a user or a Service trying to access the API
- Categories of users
 - Normal users
 - ServiceAccounts managed by Kubernetes

Authentication Strategies

- Ways to authenticate
 - Client Certificates
 - Bearer tokens
 - Authenticating proxy (to enable LDAP, SAML, Kerberos...)
- Following attributes are associated with the request:
 - Username
 - UID
 - Groups (system:masters, or system-users)
 - Extra fields

ServiceAccounts

- Non-human account that provides distinct identity in a K8s cluster
- Properties: namespaced, lightweight, portable
- Some use cases:
 - Pods need to communicate with K8s API
 - Pods need to communicate with an external service
 - Authenticating to private image registry

apiVersion: v1
kind: ServiceAccount
metadata:
 name: default

namespace: default
imagePullSecrets:

- name: myregistrykey



RBAC Authorization

- Role-based access control
- Regulating access based on the roles of individual users
- By default, RBAC is enabled on the cluster

RBAC Objects

- Namespace-scoped
 - Role
 - RoleBinding
- Cluster-scoped
 - ClusterRole
 - ClusterRoleBinding



Role and ClusterRole

- Contain rules that represent a set of permissions
- Permissions are additive (no "deny" rules)
- When to use ClusterRole
 - Define permissions on a namespaced resource and be granted access within individual namespaces
 - Define permissions on a namespaced resources and be granted across all namespaces
 - Define permissions on cluster-scoped resources

apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1 kind: Role metadata: namespace: default name: pod-reader

verbs: ["get", "watch", "list"]

rules:

resources: ["pods"]



```
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: ClusterRole
metadata:
    # "namespace" omitted since ClusterRoles are not namespaced
    name: secret-reader
rules:
    apiGroups: [""]
    #
    # at the HTTP level, the name of the resource for accessing Secret
    # objects is "secrets"
    resources: ["secrets"]
    verbs: ["get", "watch", "list"]
```

RoleBinding and ClusterRoleBinding

- Grant permissions defined in a role
- RoleBinding may reference any Role within the same Namespace
- RoleBinding can reference a ClusterRole and bind it to specific Namespace
- ClusterRoleBinding references only ClusterRole

```
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
# This role binding allows "jane" to read pods in the "default" namespace.
# You need to already have a Role named "pod-reader" in that namespace.
kind: RoleBinding
metadata:
  name: read-pods
  namespace: default
subjects:
# You can specify more than one "subject"
- kind: User
  name: jane # "name" is case sensitive
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
roleRef:
  # "roleRef" specifies the binding to a Role / ClusterRole
  kind: Role #this must be Role or ClusterRole
  name: pod-reader # this must match the name of the Role or ClusterRole you
wish to bind to
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
```

apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
This cluster role binding allows anyone in the "manager"
group to read secrets in any namespace.
kind: ClusterRoleBinding
metadata:
 name: read-secrets-global
subjects:
 - kind: Group

name: manager # Name is case sensitive
apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
roleRef:

kind: ClusterRole
name: secret-reader
apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io



SecurityContext

- Defines privilege and access control settings for a Pod or Container
- Some security context settings:
 - Permission to access an object
 - SELinux
 - Running as privileged on unprivileged
 - Linux Capabilities



```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: security-context-demo
spec:
  securityContext:
    runAsUser: 1000
    runAsGroup: 3000
    fsGroup: 2000
  volumes:
  - name: sec-ctx-vol
    emptyDir: {}
  containers:
  - name: sec-ctx-demo
    image: busybox:1.28
    command: [ "sh", "-c", "sleep 1h" ]
    volumeMounts:
    - name: sec-ctx-vol
      mountPath: /data/demo
    securityContext:
      allowPrivilegeEscalation: false
```

5. Storage

Persistent Storage in K8s, PersistentVolumes, CSI, StorageClass, StatefulSets

Persistent Storage in K8s

- K8s initially built for stateless applications
- Support for stateful applications built during the time
- Nowadays everyone recommends to run stateful applications on K8s
 - e.g. StatefulSets

PersistentVolumes

- A piece of storage in the cluster
- K8s object
- Types of provisioning
 - Static manually, using PersistentVolume manifest
 - Dynamic with StorageClass and PersistentVolumeClaim

Lab 5.1 – static provisioning of PersistentVolume

- Create a PV manifest
- Create a workload which uses the PV
- Test the persistence
- Delete the workload and see what happens

Dynamic Provisioning of a PV

- StorageClass
 - Way to describe a "class" of a storage offered
 - We can have multiple Scs
 - provisioner, parameters, and reclaimPolicy fields
- PersistentVolumeClaim
 - Request for storage by a user

Lifecycle of a volume and claim

- Provisioning (static or dynamic)
- Binding
- Using (multiple Pods can use same volume if underlying storage technology supports it, e.g. NFS)
- Reclaiming (what to do with a volume after released)
 - Retain
 - Delete

Lab 5.2 – dynamic provisioning of PersistentVolume

- Show/create a SC
- Create a workload with a PVC
- Test the persistence
- Delete the workload and see what happens
- Demonstrate expansion of PVC

StatefulSets

- Object that allows to manage stateful applications
- Provides guarantee about the ordering and uniqueness of Pods
- Use PVCs
- Upon deletion, PVs are kept

StatefulSets vs Deployments

- Deployments used for stateless applications
- Pod identity varies in StatefulSets is static (starting from 0), while in Deployments dynamic
- Storage each replica in a StatefulSet has its own PVC and PV
- Network identity Deployments require a service, while StatefulSets uses headless service
- Scaling stateful apps, can result in a loss of data → StatefulSets

Lab 5.3 – StatefulSets

- Create a StatefulSet from Manifest
- Use a PVC in a StatefulSet
- Scale it up/down
- Demonstrate deletion and the resulting storage

Container Storage Interface

- Standard for exposing storage systems to Containers
- Storage providers can write a CSI plugin without touching the core
- More options for users
- More complexity

CSI Implementations

- Azure Disks, Files, and Blob storage CSI drivers
- AWS EBS, EFS CSI drivers
- GKE Persistent Disk, Filestore, Storage CSI drivers
- NetApp Trident
- Complete list of drivers
- You can have multiple drivers installed

Example steps to install Astra (NetApp) Trident

- Install Trident via tridentctl or Operator
- Prepare worker nodes with NFS or iSCSI drivers
- Configure backend (how to communicate with storage)
- Configure StorageClass
- Provision a volume

Quick start Guide

6. Networking

Services, LoadBalancers, Ingress and IngressControllers, NetworkPolicies, and CNI

Networking Model

- Every Pod is a separate host
 - Containers within them as a processes
- Types of communication:
 - Container to container solved by Pods and localhost comms
 - Pod to Pod every Pod has its own IP
 - Pod to Service Services expose one or more Pods to the outside (Load Balancers)
 - External to Service typically handled by IngressController

Services

- Method of exposing an App running in one or more Pods
- Defines a logical set of endpoints (usually Pods), and how to make them available
- Set of targeted Pods determined by selector field
- Act as a Load Balancers to Pods

Service Types

- ClusterIP
 - Default value; exposes the Service on a cluster-internal IP
- NodePort
 - Exposes the Service on each Node's IP at a static port
- LoadBalancer
 - Exposes the Service externally, using external LB
- ExternalName
 - Maps the service to the contents of externalName field
- .spec.clusterIP: "None"
 - Headless Service, a cluster IP is not allocated, no proxy, or LB
 - A mechanism for providing a direct connection to the Pods

Lab 6.1 - Services

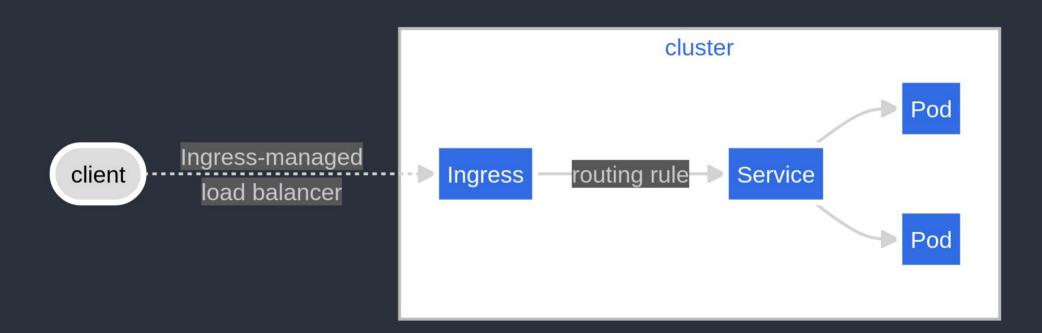
- Create a Pod and tie it to a service
- Demonstrate a connection from other Pod
- Delete a Service
- Demonstrate impact



Ingress

- Exposes HTTP and HTTPS routes from outside the cluster
- It connects to services within
- Not useful without IngressController
- It acts as a rule
- It provides:
 - Load balancing,
 - SSL termination,
 - name-based virtual hosting





IngressController

- Enables Ingress
- Not started automatically with a cluster
- Various projects are supported officially
 - AWS LB
 - GCE
 - nginx



Lab 6.2 – Ingress and IngressController

- Demonstrate install of IngressController
- Create an Ingress from manifest
- Demonstrate how it works with IngressController



NetworkPolicy

- Control traffic at IP or port level
- How a Pod is allowed to communicate with various network "entities"
- Apply to connection with a Pod on one or both ends
- Entities
 - Other Pods
 - Namespaces
 - IP blocks



Lab 6.3 – NetworkPolicy

- Create a NetworkPolicy from manifest
- Demonstrate the connection
- Demonstrate denying connection
- Remove the NP and see the outcome

Container Network Interface

- Set of standards how network should be handled in Kubernetes
- A framework for dynamically configuring networking resources
- How it works:
 - Creating network interface for a container
 - Configuring the network inside of a container
 - Assigning the IP to the interface (Pod) and setting up the routes
- Allows different plugins to be used with container runtimes

Kubelet and ENI: Managing Networks for Pods task responsible tool set up the network for a new Pod CNI plugin kubelet pod is created Read the network configuration file 10-cni-plugin.conflist kubelet in /etc/cni/net.d/ "cniVersion": "0.3.1". /etc/cni/net.d "name": "mynet". /opt/cni/bin "type": "bridge". "bridge": "mybridge". "isGateway": true. 10-cni-plugin.conflist "ipMasq": true. store the "ipam": { CNI plugin binaries "type": "host-local", "subnet": "10.244.0.0/16". "routes": [{ "dst": "0.0.0.0/0" } Load the CNI plugin kubelet Invoke the CNI plugin's ADD command Create a network namespace CNI plugin Configure the network interface Set up routing and firewall rules complete the network setup for the Pod Save the actual network configuration parameters in a file in the Pod's kubelet network namespace.

/var/run/netns

store actual network

7. Other Tools and Principles

Helm and Kustomize, GitOps principles and tools,
Amazon EKS

Kustomize

- Configuration management tool
- Define and manage K8s objects in a declarative manner
- Features:
 - Customize untemplated YAML files
 - Generate resources
 - Preserve base settings
 - Reusability
- Embedded in Kubernetes, use apply -k

Example

```
# Create a application.properties file
cat <<EOF >application.properties
F00=Bar
EOF
cat <<EOF >./kustomization.yaml
configMapGenerator:
- name: example-configmap-1
  files:
  - application.properties
EOF
# The generated ConfigMap can be examined with the
following command:
kubectl kustomize ./
```

Helm

- Packaging manager for Kubernetes
- Main concept Chart
- Packages multiple resources (e.g. Deployments, StatefulSets, Jobs, ServiceAccounts)
- Advantages:
 - Manages complexity
 - Easy update
 - Simple sharing
 - Easy rollback



Helm Chart Structure

```
mychart
|-- .helmignore # Contains patterns to ignore
|-- Chart.yaml # Information about your chart
|-- values.yaml # The default values for your templates
|-- NOTES.txt # Notes for deployment
|-- charts/ # Charts that this chart depends on
|-- templates/ # The template files
|-- tests/ # The test files
```

Lab 7.1 - Helm

- Check the structure of a Helm Chart
- Deploy a Helm chart
- Demonstrate the history
- Demonstrate upgrading
- Demonstrate rollback
- Package a helm chart



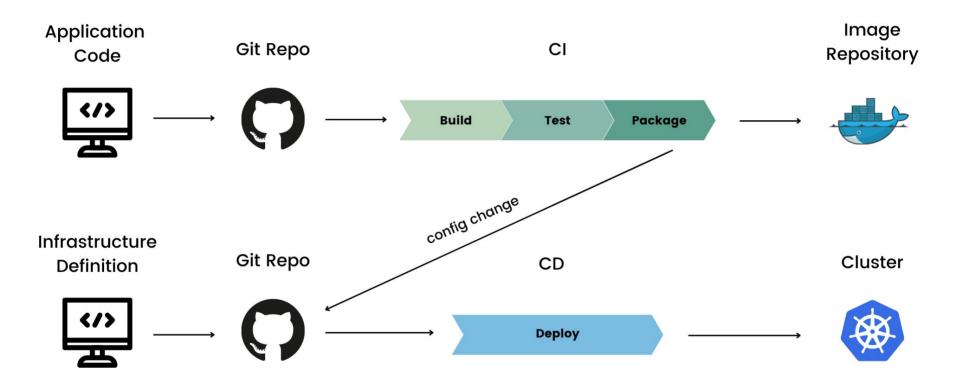
GitOps

- Operational framework that applies DevOps best practices to infrastructure automation
- Git repository is a single source of truth
- Automates the process of provisioning infrastructure
- Idempotent generate same results every time it's deployed

Key components of GitOps Workflow

- Git repository is the single source of truth for app configuration and code
- CD pipeline responsible for build, test, and deploy of the app
- Deployment tools used to manage the app resources in the target environment
- Monitoring system tracks the app performance and provides feedback

GitOps Workflow

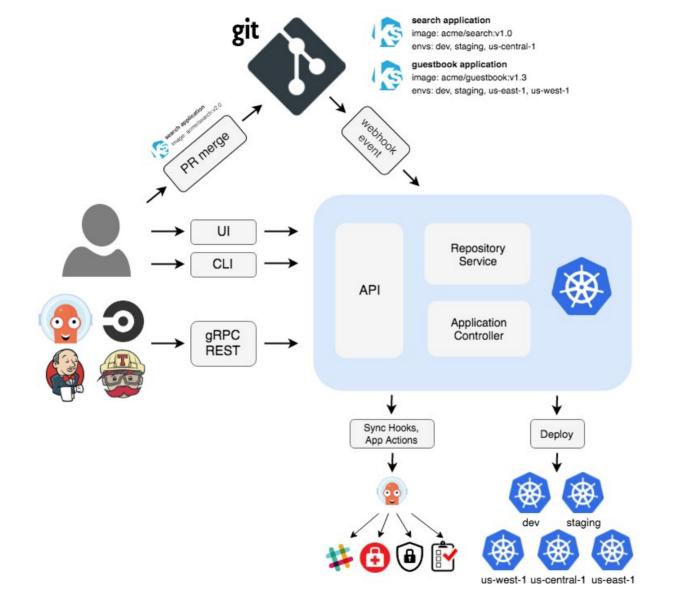


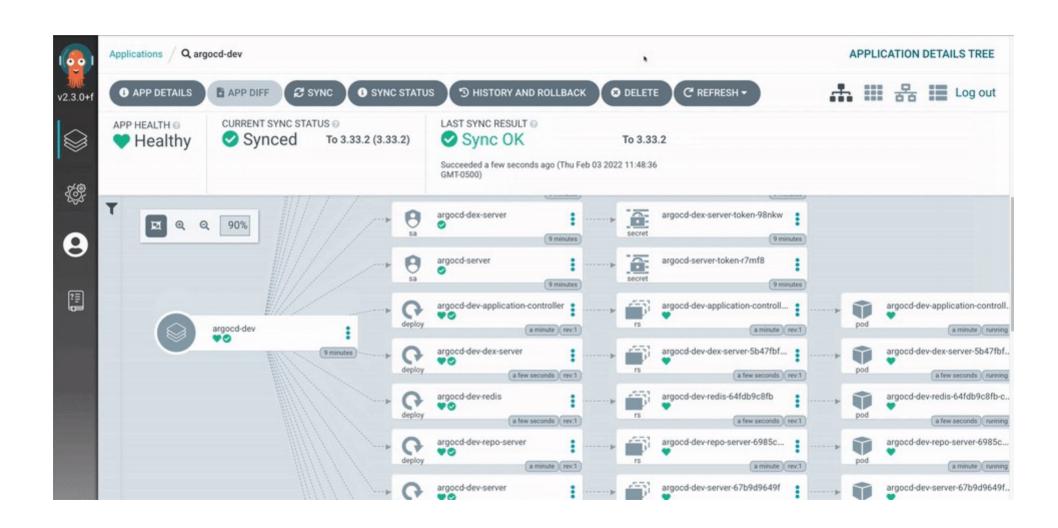


ArgoCD

- Declarative GitOps CD tool
- K8s manifests specified in
 - Kustomize
 - Helm
 - Jsonnet files
 - Plain directory of YAML/json
 - Any custom config management tool
- Demo applications

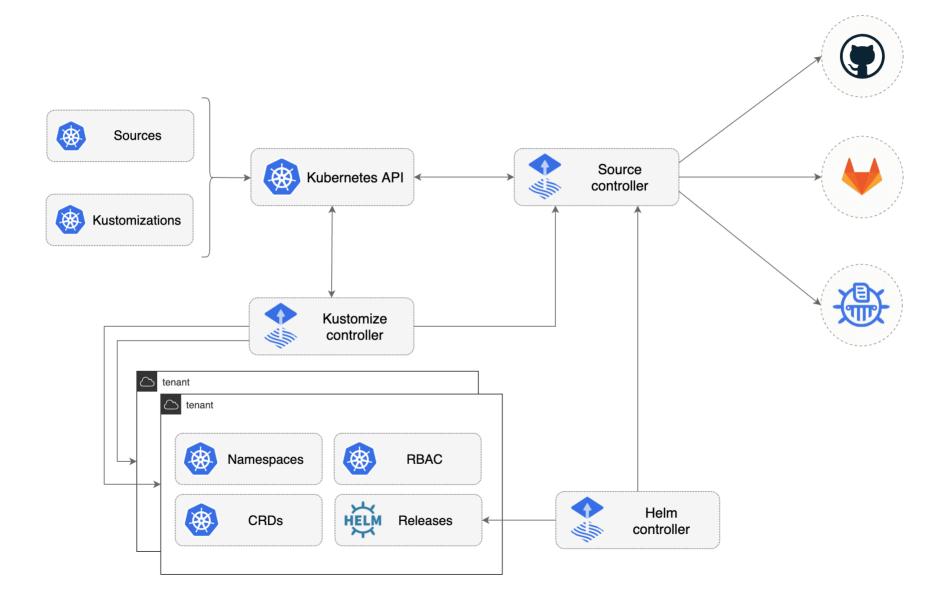






Flux

- Provides GitOps for both apps and infrastructure
- Features:
 - Automates provision and configuration of clusters
 - Enables continuous delivery for teams of platform engineers and developers
- Constructed with GitOps toolkit components
 - Specialized tools and Flux Controllers
 - Composable APIs
 - Reusable Go packages for GitOps



Applications



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	flagger	HelmRelease	flagger-system	sre-team	flagger-system-flagger	Ready	Release reconciliation succeeded	1.27.0
	ingress-nginx	HelmRelease	ingress-nginx	sre-team	ingress-nginx-ingress-nginx	Ready	Release reconciliation succeeded	4.4.2
	linkerd-control-plane	HelmRelease	linkerd	sre-team	linkerd-linkerd-control-plane	Ready	Release reconciliation succeeded	1.9.5
	linkerd-crds	HelmRelease	linkerd	sre-team	linkerd-linkerd-crds	Ready	Release reconciliation succeeded	1.4.0
	linkerd-smi	HelmRelease	linkerd-smi	sre-team	linkerd-smi-linkerd-smi	Ready	Release reconciliation succeeded	0.2.0
	linkerd-viz	HelmRelease	linkerd-viz	sre-team	linkerd-viz-linkerd-viz	Ready	Release reconciliation succeeded	30.3.5
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ArgoCD vs Flux

- Multiple repository support
- All-inclusive GitOps solution with diverse features
- More complete GitOps solution
- Native Web UI

- One repository per instance of Flux operator
- Adaptability and customization with extensions
- Automate deployment pipeline and configuration management as a code
- Needs Web UI extension

Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service

- Managed K8s service
- Eliminates the need to install, operate and maintain K8s control plane
- Price is \$0.10 per hour per cluster
 - Plus price of EC2 resources if used (EBS, EC2 VMs)
 - If using AWS Fargate based on the vCPU and memory used

Amazon EKS Features

- High availability run across multiple AZs
- Integration with other AWS services
- Scalability easy, based on demand of workloads (it supports node autoscaling)
- Secure networking and authentication integrated with AWS networking and security services
- Managed Node Groups easily created, can use spot instances as cluster nodes

AWS Fargate

- Serverless compute engine for running containers
- Compatible with EKS and ECS
- How it works:
 - Serverless no ned to manage servers or clusters of EC2 instances
 - Simplified management no need for server types
 - Isolation each Fargate task is isolated
 - Pay-as-you-go focus on building apps insted of managing servers



Create Kubernetes clusters (powered by Amazon EKS Distro)



AWS Fargate

Deploy serverless containers



Amazon EC2

Deploy worker nodes for your EKS cluster



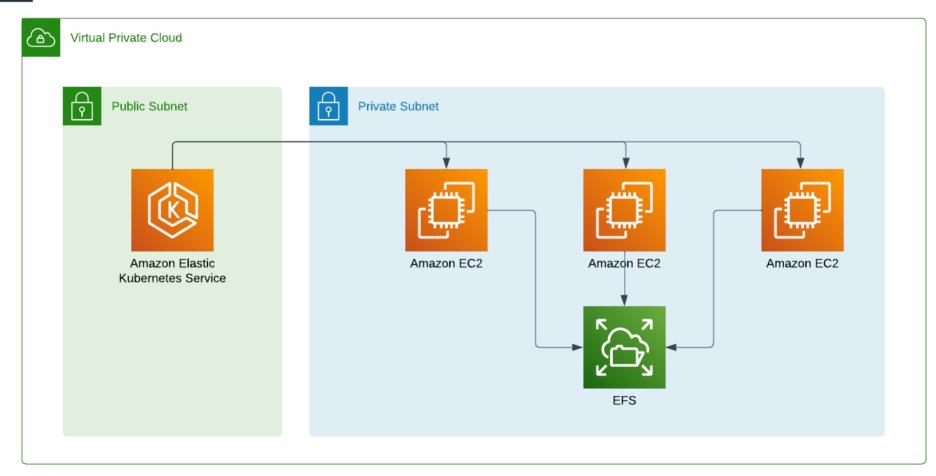
Run Kubernetes apps

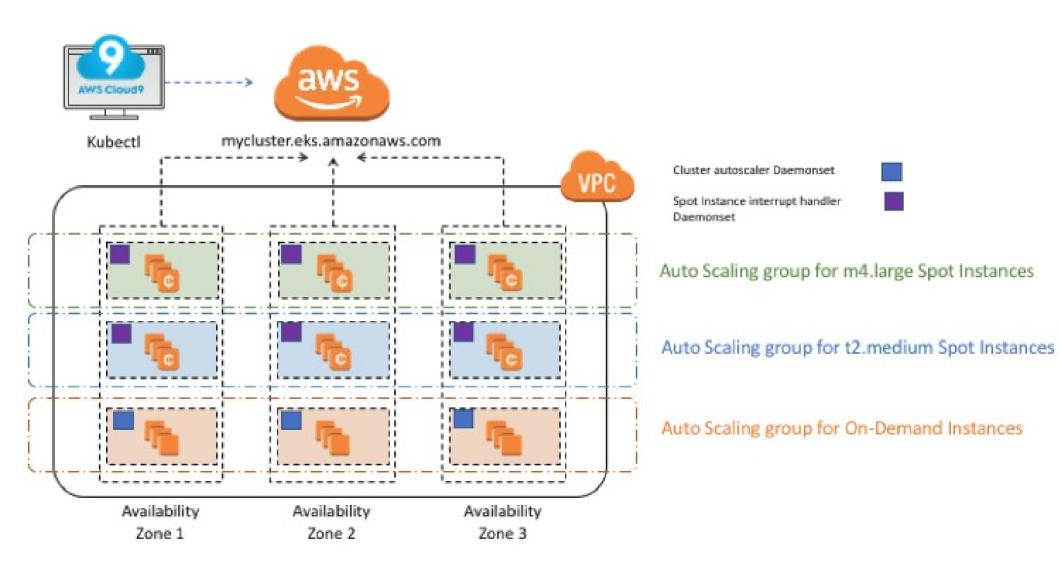


Amazon EKS dashboard in the AWS console

View and explore running Kubernetes apps

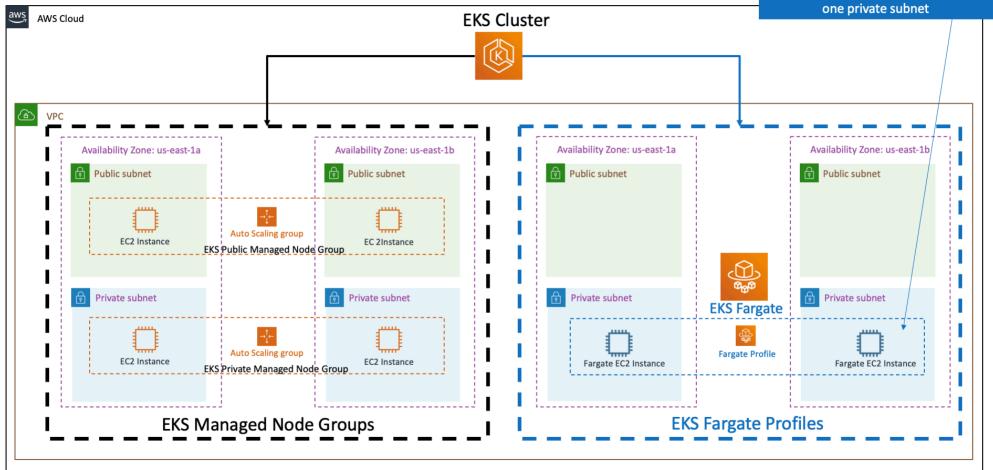
Examples of EKS Architecture





EKS Deployment Options - Mixed

Fargate Profiles can be deployed to EKS Cluster only when we have at least one private subnet



Closing remarks

- Sources used:
 - Kubernetes documentation
 - AWS EKS documentation
 - Helm
 - ArgoCD
 - Flux
 - GitOps
 - Docker

- Useful links
 - Kubernetes where to start?
 - Kubernetes in Action
 - CKA Course on Udemy
 - CKS Course on Udemy

Thank you!



Link to the form

